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PREFABRICATED-HOUSE FACTORY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

A large prefabricated-house factory, to be connected with the "Sloboda" Cement Factory and a gypsum factory, is under construction near Podused, which is close to Zagreb. The cement factory and the gypsum factory are also under construction. The prefabricated-house factory will be one of the largest of ten such factories now under construction in Yugoslavia.

The machines for these factories are being constructed by the "Djuro Djakovic" Factory. One machine will produce 500 concrete slabs in 8 hours, and will be operated by two workers.

The prefabricated-house factory will receive its cement directly from the "Sloboda" Cement Factory through a 900-meter pipeline, which will operate by air pressure. Calcined limestone will be transported in a similar way from the nearby gypsum factory to the prefabricated-house factory. The factory will be able to produce the parts for 2,000 units of prefabricated housing, i.e., for 500 one-story houses of four apartments each. One of the shops of the factory is already being equipped with machines, and the factory will be in operation before it is completed. The first prefabricated houses to be produced by the factory are intended for workers of the Sisak Ironworks.

The "Djuro Djakovic" Factory supplied about 50 tons of machinery to another prefabricated-house factory, being built near the Ljubljana airport. The machinery includes machines for mixing gravel, sand, and water, as well as conveyor belts and concrete mixers. The large machine shop of the factory has been completed already, while two 100-meter shops for the production of concrete are partly roofed. A 1.5-kilometer narrow-gauge railroad will be laid between the gravel pit at Novi Jarsi near Ljubljana and the prefabricated-house factory. The gravel pit will probably begin operation in June 1951. It will produce 35 cubic meters of gravel per hour or 140,000 cubic meters per year.

Storehouses, a boilerhouse, and a silo for cement are also scheduled to be built this year at the construction site of the prefabricated-house factory in Ljubljana. The factory will need about 10,000 tons of cement per year, as its capacity is planned to be 2,000 apartments per year. Test production of prefabricated houses may begin this year.

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